



Capital City Rescue Mission

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Success Magazine: What programs does the mission offer?

Perry Jones: We offer meals to the needy, emergency shelter, long-term recovery programs, free clothing, a free medical clinic, a learning center, employment center, and lodging for homeless men, women, and children.

SM: How is the mission funded?

PJ: The mission is funded by private funds from individuals, businesses, churches, and foundations. We receive no government funding.

SM: What fundraising events are on the horizon for the near future?

PJ: We are planning a walk for the homeless and an annual banquet, in addition to various concerts and programs.

SM: What new project are you currently working on?

PJ: We are currently renovating a 50,000 square foot warehouse into forty-four apartments for supportive housing and vocational space for the homeless.

SM: How will this converted warehouse help the region?

PJ: It will provide a home for forty-four people who may otherwise be living on the streets or in substandard housing, while offering vocational education for those in need.

SM: How are you funding the acquisition and refurbishing of the warehouse?

PJ: We have raised one million for the project with \$500,000 worth of volunteer labor to ready it for renovation.

SM: How much money do you need to complete the project?

PJ: We still need approximately two million in funds to finish this three and a half million dollar project.

SM: What year was the mission founded?

PJ: Our mission was started in 1949.

SM: Since that time, what has the mission done for the Capital Region?

PJ: The mission has served millions of meals to the hungry, housed one million nights of lodging, offered thousands long term recovery from addictions, and given out millions of articles of clothing.

SM: What are your goals for the future of Capital City Rescue Mission?

PJ: We want to help as many homeless and needy people achieve independence in the community as possible. We strive to foster their relationship with the Lord through His son Jesus. When individuals are spiritually strong, they will be able to help others.

SM: What can one expect when they enter the mission for treatment?

PJ: They can expect to be treated with dignity, hope and love, and to have the opportunity to receive short-term relief services and longer-term recovery services, progressing toward independence if they want it. The mission will give them relief and recovery services, and is soon to offer re-entry services to end their homelessness.

SM: Who is a typical client at the mission?

PJ: The average age of our clients is approximately thirty-five to forty, typically with addictions, and educational and medical needs. Thirty percent of our people have mental illness. Thirty percent are veterans.

SM: What is the basis for your treatment?



PJ: We treat people as a whole person—body, mind, and spirit. We are a Christian faith based program and believe that people need the Lord.

SM: What is the best way for people to participate and help the cause of the mission?

PJ: We need funding, volunteers, and invitations to speak in churches, organizations, and other places.

SM: What is the most rewarding aspect of what you do each day?

PJ: I so enjoy seeing lives changed by God's grace and power and to see individuals striving to be the best they can be. Many good things are happening in the lives of the needy.

SM: What does a successful day entail for you?

PJ: People getting their immediate and long-term needs met and people having a faith encounter with Christ. It includes giving rest to the weary, hope to the hopeless, and love to the unloved.



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